



THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
HELD ON September 15, 2010 IN ROOM 374-A
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

The meeting was called to order by President Janet A. Neal at 1:12 p.m.

Present: President Janet A. Neal; Commissioner John R. James;
Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Alexia Teran;
Commissioner John B. Troost; Commissioner Kecia B. Weller; Commissioner
Sheila D. Wright

Excused Absence: Commissioner Wan Chun Chang; and Commissioner
Wendy Welt Narro; Commissioner Harley D. Rubenstein

Absent: Commissioner Michael G. Gureckas;

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of August 18, 2010.

On motion of Commission Troost, seconded by Commissioner
Weller, the item was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Neal; Commissioner James;
Commission Teran; Commissioner Troost; Commissioner
Weller

Noes: 0 – None

Abstention: 1 – Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

Absent: 5 – Commissioner Gureckas; Commissioner Chang;
Commissioner Rubenstein, Commissioner Welt Narro

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II. REPORTS

2. Update report by the President.

President Neal submitted verbal report that informed all present that Medi-Cal vision coverage has been restored. This information was given to her from her own doctor. Additionally, she informed constituents of changes in accessibility at the Magic Johnson Theatre.

After discussion and by common consent, there being no objection (Commissioners Gureckas, Chang, Welt Narro, Rubenstein and Wright being absent), President Neal's report was received and filed.

3. Update report by staff.

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Services staff, submitted a verbal report on several upcoming events for Commission members. Interested Commissioners wanting to staff a resource table at any one of the events were asked to contact Rhonda for further information. President Neal requested fax copy of events be provided for her to announce at her radio show to assist the public and attend such events.

After discussion and by common consent, there being no objection (Commissioners Gureckas, Chang, Welt Narro, Rubenstein and Wright being absent), Ms. Rangel's verbal report was received.

4. Discussion and approval to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors on transportation complaints and comments submitted by constituents. (Continued from the meetings of May 19, 2010 and June 16, 2010.)

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission. Commission James made a motion to include in the report those concerns from Commissioners.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Troost (Commissioners Gureckas, Chang, Welt Narro, Rubenstein and Wright being absent), unanimously carried, the item was approved as amended to include concerns from Commissioners in the report.

5. Report by Events Committee on the upcoming Access Awards Luncheon scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2010.

President Neal reported the Events Committee met on September 8, 2010 and finalized several pending issues necessary for the event. The most important information given was about the Front cover design, which will have a photo collage of Past Awardees and the Back cover design will have past scholarship recipients. Commissioner Weller added captioning will be provided on both sides of the room next to the stage to allow attendees adequate accommodations. After discussion and by common consent, there being no objection (Commissioners Gureckas, Chang, Welt Narro, Rubenstein and Wright being absent), the report was received and no further action was taken by the Commission.

6. Recommendation to approve the purchase of promotional items for the Commission in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission and suggested the Commission look in to the usage of environmentally friendly products hanging bags for future purchases.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Troost, seconded by Commissioner James (Commissioners Gureckas, Chang, Welt Narro, Rubenstein and Wright being absent), the item was approved. Staff was instructed to replenish the stock of previously ordered items to include: pens, lanyards, letter openers and post-its.

7. Community Service report for the Month of August.

The Community Service committee did not meet. President Neal wanted to emphasize the need for Customer Service in our communities. Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission and encouraged everyone to speak-out and use all technology around them in order to be heard.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

8. Monthly update report from: 1) Transportation Committee including discussion of paratransit complaints 2) Access Services (ASI), and 3) Kurt Hagen, Access Board Representative.

Louis Burns, Customer Support Administrator and Giovanna Gogreve, Representative of Access Services did not have a follow-up report to their findings to the alleged misuse of equipment and the vehicle tracking system being used by Access. Ms. Gogreve also reported that Access Services is taking in nominations for the Spirit of Accessibility Award. Commissioners were encouraged to submit nominations no later than October 7, 2010. Also the Annual meeting of November 9, 2010 has been postponed. The Access Board is looking at March of 2011 as the new date. She will notify the Commission as soon as a final decision has been confirmed. Lastly, she acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Teran for visiting the Access Services' Eligibility Center. Commissioner Teran enjoyed her visit. There was a concern on the difficulty of finding the location and the signage at the site. The sign outside was small and employees at the site could not give appropriate directions to the location. Her concerns were forwarded to the Eligibility Administrator to see about addressing her issues.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

After discussion, Mr. Burns and Ms. Gogreve responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Later in the meeting, and by common consent, there being no objection (Commissioners Gureckas, Chang, Welt Narro and Rubenstein being absent), their report was received.

9. Discussion and Approval to reappoint Kurt Hagen as the Commission on Disabilities voting Access Board representative.

On motion of Commissioner Troost, seconded by Commissioner Weller (Commissioners Gureckas, Chang, Welt Narro and Rubenstein being absent), unanimously carried, the item was approved.

10. Monthly update report by Chip Hazen or a representative from the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO).

Chip Hazen made a verbal report and presented copies of the Metro Bus and Metro Rail Guide for Riders with Disabilities user's guide. The booklet contains pertinent information that riders with disabilities can use and can be accessed through METRO's website at <http://www.metro.net/around/riders-disabilities/>. Additionally, there will be a safety strap wheelchair evaluation provided by the City of El Monte to assist riders. It will be located at 3120 Tyler Avenue in El Monte. They will evaluate and the markings of the safety strap can be proper marked for all MTA vehicles. Lastly, he will have an intern working with him to develop a vehicle purchase program.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

Mr. Hazen's also responded to questions posed by the Board. His report was received.

11. Report from Angela Davis J.D., Acting Senior Deputy, Disability Civil Rights the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance, Disability Rights Section.

Angela Davis was not available. Lorena Gomez of the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance responded to questions posed by the Commission on her behalf. Commissioner Neal inquired about the ramp dedication. Since there was no report provided, Commissioner Wright requested a timeline be submitted on the ramp dedication at the next meeting Commission meeting.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

No action was taken by the Commission.

III. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

12. Presentation from Maggie Hui, Community Outreach Program Coordinator, Disability Rights Legal Center on Disability Mentoring Day 2010.

Maggie Hui presented a verbal overview of their program and two upcoming events to be held by the Center. On October 20, 2010 there will be a Disability Mentoring Day at Loyola. More information can be accessed at <http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/> or they may contact their office at (213) 736-1408, TTD, (213) 736-8310 or email her directly at Maggie.hui@lts.edu . Commissioners were encouraged to submit an application to mentor since October 20, 2010 is an actual Commission meeting.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

No action was taken by the Commission.

IV. MISCELLEANEOUS

13. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and placed for discussion/action at a future Commission meeting.
- 13A. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Wright: Request a report from the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance, Disability Rights Section, a timeline on the ramp dedication at the meeting of October 20, 2010.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

14. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that is within jurisdiction of the Commission.

Former Commissioner, Richard Krzyzanowski, Mei Lim, Sara Kirker, and Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner Troost, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.